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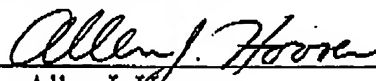
By the preceding amendments, claim 1, upon which claims 2 through 6 depend directly or indirectly, has been amended to call for the harness being attached to an air tank of a self-contained breathing apparatus. Claim 1 continues to call for the harness including a hand grip, by which a rescuer can drag a person wearing the harness. Claim 4 has been amended, accordingly. Claims 7 through 14 have been cancelled.

In view of the preceding amendments, you are requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1 through 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Henstenberger *et al.* [US 4,682,671], by Jordan [US 2004/0128734 A1], and by Lewis *et al.* [US 6,427,252 B1]. Although Henstenberger *et al.* discloses a drag harness, Jordan discloses a line harness, and Lewis *et al.* discloses a line harness, none of them discloses or suggests that the harness be attached to an air tank of a self-contained breathing apparatus, as claimed.

As cited against some of the cancelled claims, Lenz *et al.* [US 5,492,110] discloses a self-contained breathing apparatus having an air tank, to which a harness including two shoulder straps and a waist belt is attached, but Lenz *et al.* does not disclose or suggest that the harness include a hand grip, by which a rescuer can drag a person wearing the harness, as claimed.

The undersigned attorney submits, therefore, that claims 1 through 6 should be now allowable.

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